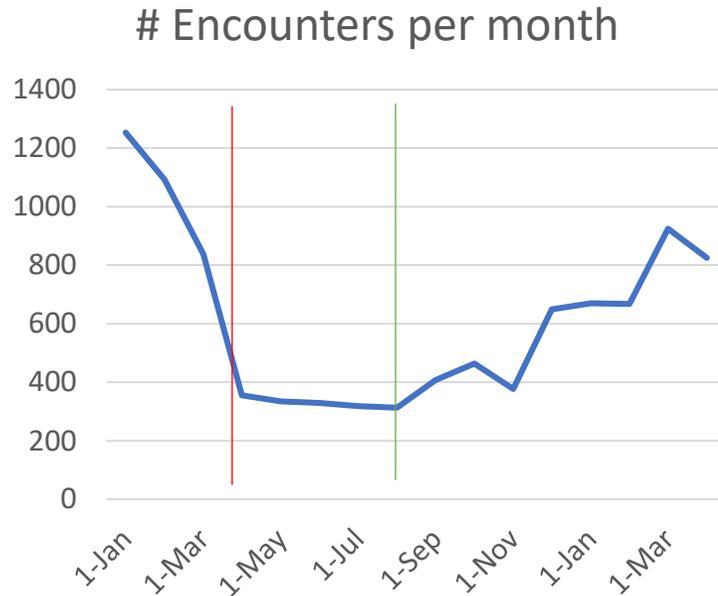
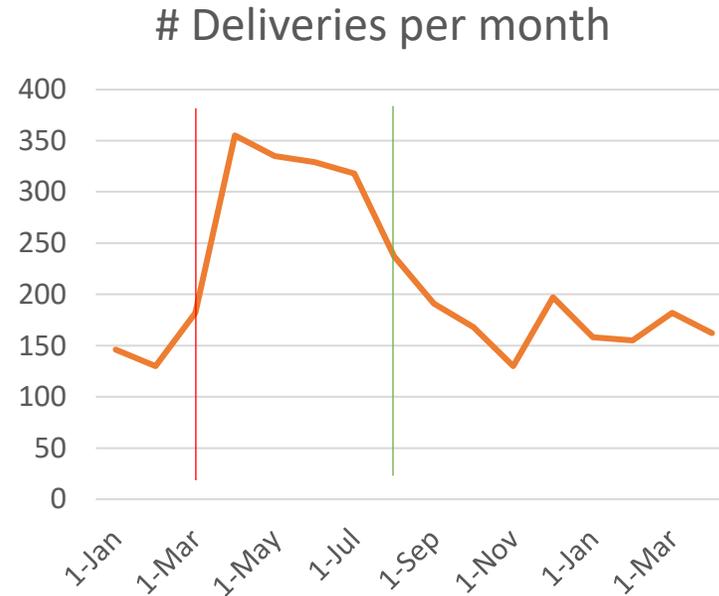


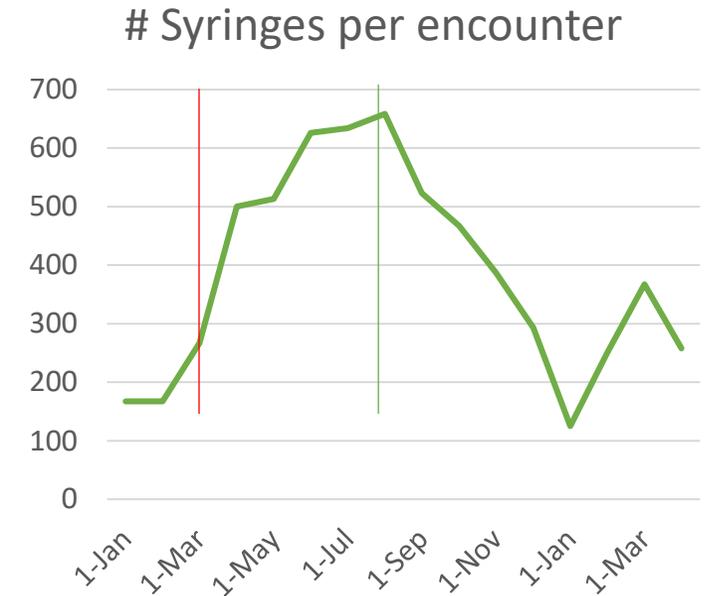
# Effects of Covid-19 on Tacoma Needle Exchange



Closed all our outreach sites and switched to delivery only 3/2020. Began gradually reopening sites 8/2020.



Increased from 16 hours of deliveries/week to 40 while sites were closed and more than doubled our delivery volume.



Implemented a needs-based model so the # of syringes at each encounter increased but we saw participants less frequently. Continue to be needs-based up to 300.

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We were able to secure funding for essential hygiene supplies and have distributed an estimated 5000 hygiene kits and 5000 packs of body wipes.

Each hygiene kit includes:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- body wash
- bar soap
- hand sanitizer
- shaving kit
- chapstick
- deodorant
- toothbrush
- toothpaste



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## Major Changes:

- improved our delivery capacity
- implemented needs-based model
- added peer counseling services to better meet participant needs
- safer smoking program
- huge increase in distribution of hygiene supplies

## Hope for the future:

- Since August we have been gradually increasing our outreach hours and returning to more normal operations
- Come June 1, we will be opening at a new location that will allow us to more than double our hours and resume HIV/HCV testing
- Reopening our Puyallup Tribe site July 1
- Will have the largest outreach staff the organization has ever had including 2 peer counselors
- Will have more available hours than ever and expect to see more participants than we did before covid by the end of the year

